

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MARR, JA, US  
SUBJECT: USN SHIP REPAIR AT SASEBO

REF: STATE 165955

1. DURING VISIT TO KYUSHU AMBASSADOR HAD DINNER WITH SASEBO CITY MAYOR TSUJI AND CAPTAIN MCPADDEN, COMMANDER US NAVAL ORDNANCE FACILITY SASEBO. CAPTAIN MCPADDEN SAID THAT HE HAD SUCCEEDED IN INCREASING NUMBER OF NAVY SHIPS VISITING SASEBO AND THAT 10 SHIPS WERE SCHEDULED JULY-SEPTEMBER. MAYOR TSUJI THEN ASKED IF AMBASSADOR AGREED WITH THIS AND IF HE COULD USE IT PUBLICALLY. AMBASSADOR AGREED BUT SAID "UP TO 10 SHIPS" SHOULD BE USED. NO COMMITMENT WAS MADE TO HAVE ANY SHIPS REPAIRED BY SASEBO HEAVY INDUSTRY DESPITE MAYOR TSUJI'S REPORTED STATEMENT AT HIS JUNE 27 PRESS CONFERENCE; IDEA OF LARGE REPAIR CONTRACT WAS NEVER MENTIONED.

2. MAYOR TSUJI IS ABLE MAN WHO HAS DONE GREAT DEAL BOTH FOR SASEBO AND US-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP. HE IS OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO HELP SASEBO THROUGH SOME VERY DIFFICULT TIMES. ANY MISINTERPRETATION WHICH OCCURRED DID US NO HARM AND MAY IN SMALL WAY HAVE HELPED TSUJI TO PUT TOGETHER FINANCIAL PACKAGE TO KEEP SSK AFLOAT. STORY  
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DIED QUICKLY AND IS UNLIKELY TO COME UP AGAIN.

3. FYI - SINCE NAVY HAS NOT HAD OWN REPAIR CAPABILITY FOR SOME YEARS NOW, UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE OF SHIPS VISITING SASEBO HAS ROUTINELY BEEN CARRIED OUT BY NUMBER OF LOCAL CONTRACTORS, INCLUDING SSK. THUS, CAPTAIN MCPADDEN'S ANNOUNCEMENT REPRESENTS NO CHANGE FROM EXISTING PRACTICE.

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